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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: NEW TERMINAL BUILDING AT LISBON

(PORTELA) AIRPORT

COMMERCE FOR BIC/PEPD

REF: LISBON 4459, 2369

1. AS MEPD KNOWS, ONE OF FOUR BIDDERS FOR NEW TERMINAL  
BUILDING AT LISBON'S PORTELA AIRPORT IS PARTNERSHIP  
BETWEEN PORTUGUESE FIRM ALVES RIBEIRO LDA., AND U.S.  
FIRM HTB-HUGGINS, THOMPSON, BALL & ASSOCIATES. THIS  
IS THE ONLY U.S. BIDDER ON THIS PROJECT AND ITS  
PROPOSAL INCLUDES PLANE-MATE MOBILE LOUNGES MANUFACTURED  
BY BOOTH CYNWYD, PA. THE ALVES RIBEIRO-HTB-BOOTH GROUP  
BELIEVES THAT GROUP'S POSITION WOULD BE STRENGTHENED IF  
PORTUGUESE CIVIL AVIATION (DGAC) OFFICIALS WERE FORMALLY  
INVITED BY FAA TO VISIT DULLES AIRPORT TO SEE IN  
OPERATION WORLD'S LARGEST INTRA-AIRPORT GROUND TRANSPORTA-  
TION (PLANE-MATES) SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO BOOTH  
REPRESENTATIVE, DULLES AIRPORT DIRECTOR DEXTER DAVIS HAS IN  
PAST ARRANGED VIP TOURS OF DULLES GROUND TRANSPORTATION  
SYSTEM TO SHOW OFF PLANE MATES.

2. COMMERCE ACTION REQUESTED: THAT MEPD CONTACT FAA TO  
REQUEST THAT AGENCY TO INVITE CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR  
GENERAL VICTOR VERES AND/OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES  
FROM DGAC OR TAP (PORTUGUESE AIRLINES) TO VISIT DULLES  
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AIRPORT TO GET FIRST HAND VIEW OF DULLES' GROUND

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY  
THAT DG VICTOR VERES WOULD ACCEPT INVITATION,  
BUT LOCAL CONTACTS WITHIN ALVES RIBEIRO-HTB-BOOTH  
GROUP BELIEVE THAT VERES IS INTERESTED ENOUGH TO SEND ONE  
OR TWO REPRESENTATIVES. FAA INVITATION MAY INDICATE THAT  
ALVES RIBEIRO-HTB-BOOTH GROUP IS WILLING TO COVER THE  
COST OF U.S. DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS AND GROUP  
ASSUMES THAT DGAC PERSONNEL WOULD FLY TAP TRANS-ATLANTIC AT  
NO EXPENSE. THANKS AND PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY ARRANGEMENTS  
MADE WITH FAA.

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